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Ministry of National Defense.

1. The Rumanian Ministry of National Defense was located on Piata Walter Maracineanu, Bucharest. It controlled the commands of the various branches of service, namely the Infantry Command, Artillery and AA Artillery Command, Cavalry Command, Command of Tank and Mechanized Troops, Command of Signal Troops, Command of Engineer, Bridge-Construction and Railroad Engineer Troops, Air Force Command, Naval Command and Command of Reat Services.
2. The Ministry of National Defense also controlled the various directorates, namely the Higher Political Directorate, Personnel Directorate with departments for each branch of service, Armament and Munitions Directorate, Intelligence (administrative) Directorate, Supply Directorate, Military Justice Directorate and Military Real Estate Directorate.
3. Attached to the Ministry of National Defense was the General Staff, which was located on Strada Stirbey-Voda, Bucharest, and consisted of various sections, including the Mobilization and Organization Section, 1st Section; Intelligence and Counterintelligence Section, 2nd Section; Operations section, 3d Section, Transportation Section, 6th Section; and Military Resources Section, 7th Section. The General Staff also controlled the Military Academy, the Technical Academy and the Military Geographical Institute. Attached to the Ministry of National Defense were also the Army Intelligence Service (Serviciul de Informatie al Armatei) (SIA) and the Military Museum. (1)

Military Districts.

4. The territory of Rumania was divided into the following Military Districts (Regiunea 1-a Militara):

Number and Location	Area	Remarks
I Mil Dist (R.I.M.) Craiova (R 33/34/A 83)	Entire little Walachia (Oltenia), the Olt Comitate of Greater Walachia, the entire Banat and the Arad Comitate of the Crisana District.	From conversations prior [redacted] with 25X1 comrades of the Military Academy.

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II Mil Dist
(R.II.M.)
Bucharest

Greater Walachia (Muntenia) except the Old Comitate of the I Mil Dist, The entire Dobruja, and the three southern Comitates of Moldavia, namely the Putna Comitate, (capital: Focsani), the Tecuci Comitate (capital: Tecuci) and the Covurlui Comitate (capital: Galati).

From temporary assignment to the Hq II Mil Dist and from comrades of the Military Academy

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III Mil Dist.
(R.III.M.)
Cluj
(R 26/L 81)

Transylvania (or Ardeal), the Crisana District except the Arad Comitate of the I Mil Dist, Maramures, Southern Bucovina and Moldavia except the three southern Comitates of the II Mil Dist.

(2)

5. The missions of the Military Districts were strictly territorial-administrative. They included matters pertaining to administration, supply service, recruiting and replacement system, etc. The Military Districts were assigned directly to the Ministry of National Defense. They maintain in each Comitate a Military Subdistrict Headquarters (Circumscripțiile Militare, formerly Cercuri Teritoriale). (3)

Troop Units.

6. The Rumanian Army was organized into the following four corps:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	
<u>I Army Corps</u> (Corpul I Armata)	Craiova		
<u>2nd Inf Div</u>	Craiova		
<u>1st Inf Regt</u>	Craiova, 1st Dolj Inf Regt Barracks	From a list seen at the Military Academy	25X1
<u>31st Inf Regt</u>	Targu Jiu (R 25/V 42), former 18th Gorj Inf Regt Barracks	From temporary assignment to the post and from Captain Moraru, (fnu), of the Military Academy,	25X1 25X1
<u>9th Arty Regt</u>	Craiova, barracks on the road to Caracal (R 33/34/B 21)	From comrades who served with the regiment. (4)	
<u>Corps Troops</u>			
<u>8th Mtz Arty Regt</u>	Turnu Severin (R 23/24/E 98)	From a fellow officer who served with the regiment. (5)	
<u>1st Hvy Arty Regt</u>	Pitesti (R 33/34/B 79)		25X1
<u>1st Engr Regt</u>	Ramnic-Valcea (R 35/W 32), barracks on the southwestern perimeter of the town.	From an official visit	25X1

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II Army Corps Probably Braila (R 55/Z 13) From comrades of the Military Academy, who served with units of the corps [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] (?) [redacted] 25X1

9th Inf Div ? Dobruja From comrades of the Military Academy, who served with units of the division [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] [redacted] 25X1

Unidentified Inf Regt Medgidia (R 53/54/E 41) From Major Eugen Plati, who served with the regiment [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] (8) [redacted] 25X1

11th Inf Div Focsani ? (R 45/Y 58) From participation in the [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] maneuvers. Major General Buzdea, (fnu), was CG and Colonel Costescu, (fnu), Rear Service CO of the division. 25X1

Corps Troops

2nd Hvy Arty Regt Bucharest, Malmaison Barracks From comrades who served with the regiment prior to entering the Military Academy. (9)

1st Sig Regt Bucharest, barracks in Bucharest-Cotroceni From personal observations.

5th Engr Regt Focsani From comrades who served with the regiment prior to entering the Military Academy.

III Army Corps Cluj (10)

18th Inf Div Oradea Mare (R 48/P 65) From service with the 42nd Arty Regt in Simleul-Silvaniei [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] [redacted] 25X1

Unidentified Inf Div Jassy [redacted] 25X1

Unidentified Inf Regt Jassy [redacted] 25X1

11th Arty Regt Bacau [redacted]

Unidentified Inf Div Sibiu (R 35/R 20) From Captain Ion Badea, SIA officer of the division. (13)

Tank Corps Possibly Bucharest

1st Tudor Vladimirescu Tank Div Bucharest

Unidentified Tank Regt Bucharest, barracks in Bucharest-Ghencea From personal visit [redacted] 25X1

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1st Mtz Arty Bucharest
Regt

Unidentified Ploesti (R 43/44/C 69)
SP Arty Regt

Horia Closea Slatina, former 11th Inf
si Crisan Div headquarters building
Mecz Div on the northern side of the
street to the railroad
station, 200 to 300 meters
from the station.

7. The following units of unknown subordination were located in the Individual Military District areas:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	
<u>I Mil Dist</u>			
Unidentified Inf Regt	Slatina (R 33/34/B 24) former 3d Clt Inf Regt Barracks.	From personal observations. (16)	
Unidentified Arty Regt	Slatina, former 26th Arty Regt Barracks on the northern side of the street to the railroad station.	From personal observations. (16)	
Unidentified Arty Regt	Caracal (R 33/34/B 21), former 2nd Cav Regt Barracks.	From a rail travel authorization [redacted]	25X1
<u>II Mil Dist.</u>			
2nd RR Regt	Bucharest-Chitila, barracks opposite the Chitila rail- road station.	[redacted]	25X1
2nd Bridge- Cons Regt	Braila	From comrades of the Military Academy.	
35th AT Arty Regt	Pitesti	[redacted]	25X1
Unidentified Cav Regt	Bucharest-Cotroceni, former 4th Hussar Regt Barracks.	[redacted]	25X1
Unidentified AT Arty Regt	Curtea De Arges (R 35/W 62)	A servant of source's family served with the regiment in [redacted]	25X1 25X1
<u>III Mil Dist</u>			
Unidentified Eng or Sig Regt	Deva (R 25/Q 21)	[redacted]	25X1

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42nd Arty Regt Simleul-Silvaniei.

4th AAA Regt Brasov (R 35/X 37)

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Comments.

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- (1) The structure of the Rumanian Ministry of National Defense does not differ essentially from previous data.
- (2) On the basis of several previous reports it had been assumed that, following the deactivation of the former II Mil Dist in Timisoara, the Military Districts were reorganized, so that the I Mil Dist in Jassy comprised Moldavia and the Bucovina, the II Mil Dist in Bucharest Greater Walachia, Little Walachia and the Dobruja and the III Mil Dist in Cluj the remaining portion of Rumania. This previously assumed division of Rumania seems considerably less likely than that reported [redacted] owing to his high-level training at the Military Academy, is believed to have had good knowledge of the subject. Formerly, two Rumanian Military Districts had been bordering on Yugoslavia. However, since Rumania's only potential enemy is Yugoslavia, it seems only reasonable that in this border area there should be only one military command headquarters, as is now in existence. [redacted]

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- (3) It seems questionable that the functions of the Rumanian Military Districts should not be the same as those of the Soviet Military Districts, namely the command of troop units stationed in the area and providing them with only administrative services.
- (4) The 2nd Inf Div with its component units had been confirmed in Craiova until the middle of 1950. [redacted]

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- (5) According to an unsubstantiated report, the 8th Mtz Arty Regt was allegedly transferred to Targu Jiu in the spring of 1950. [redacted]

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- (6) The 1st Hvy Arty Regt was repeatedly confirmed in Pitesti in 1949. See [redacted]. Since the Pitesti area belongs to the II Mil Dist, it seems doubtful that the regiment should be subordinate to the I Army Corps in the I Mil Dist.

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- (7) There have been only vague indications of the location of an Army Corps headquarters in Braila. [redacted]

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- (8) The 9th Inf Div had been transferred from Constanta to the Jalomita Comitate in early 1949. [redacted]

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- (9) The 2nd Hvy Arty Regt is allegedly stationed in Galati. [redacted]
- (10) There have been only vague reports of the location of an army corps headquarters in Cluj. [redacted]

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- (11) The 18th Inf Div was last confirmed in Oradea Mare at the beginning of 1948. [redacted]

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- (12) A report of June 1948 indicated that the 6th Inf Div was located in the Jassy area. [redacted]. No information on the division has been received since that time.

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- (13) No infantry division has so far been reported to be located in Sibiu.
- (14) The last information on Rumanian tank troops indicated that there allegedly was a Tudor Vladimirescu Tank Corps, which was believed to have absorbed the former Tudor Vladimirescu Tank Div. [redacted]

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- (15) It is doubted that the 2nd Miora Closca si Crisan Mtz Inf Div should still be located in Slatina, since several credible reports mentioned the 5th Inf Div as being stationed there. [redacted]. It seems improbable that two divisions should be located in the Slatina area. No information is available on the present location of the 2nd Mta Inf Div.

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- (16) The two regiments were repeatedly observed in Slatina and are believed to belong to the 5th Inf Div. [redacted]
- (17) Probably the 36th AI Arty Regt. [redacted]

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